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Minden man blames town water for ruining laundry

by Cathy Olliffe

Mike Maher is angry with the Township of Minden Hills about two things: his ruined laundry and the township's methods of dealing with complaints.

The Minden resident appeared before Minden Hills council Thursday December 20 to discuss the communication problems he has been having with the township and to be reimbursed \$80 for the pair of pants ruined by the village's rust-coloured water.

The saga began for Maher back on August 23 when he called Councillor Bill Valentine to tell him how his wife had put in a load of laundry, "the white stuff," and the minerals in the township's water supply had streaked a practically new pair of light coloured pants with shades of rust.

Maher said Valentine then suggested Maher call his ward councillor, Bill Obee, and tell him his problem. Maher said he left three messages on Obee's home answering machine and he never did receive a reply. Later in the meeting, Obee said he never received any of those messages but when he heard about Maher via the township office, he did call him back. Maher commented, "I don't have a great deal of respect for telephone technology."

But his complaints involve more than just unreturned phone messages. He said he wrote a letter about the water supply to reeve Ross Rigney and hand-delivered it to the municipal office on

September 23. "I was a little shocked that I received no response to it," Rigney said he never received the letter, to which Maher replied, "I find this disturbing."

Public works superintendent Clayton Cameron did eventually give Maher a call to tell him the problem was being referred to the company that handles Minden Hills' water, the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) and the subject was brought up at the October 25 council meeting.

At that time, councillor Ron Buchanan showed councillors a plastic container with a water sample he had taken from a business - not Maher's residence - in Minden October 21. The sample contained actual bits of metal (minerals) in it. OCWA representatives Derek French and Don Ross explained that the water is safe to drink but the high mineral content, combined with the addition of chlorine, contributes to the solidification of iron deposits in the water. Flushing the municipality's water pipes can also stir up particles in the water.

It was Obee who brought the subject of Maher's pants up to French and Ross, although he didn't mention Maher's name. French cautioned councillors not to start reimbursing residents for ruined laundry or for taking on the job of reducing the mineral content of the water. That's something individuals usually do, pay-

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DARREN LUM/Times

LOOK AT ME!

Archie Stouffer Elementary student Brandon Sutcliffe, 12, takes flight on a GT Snoracer as his 11-year-old friend, Kristen Campbell, looks on. Children took advantage of the generous helping of the season's snow with bouts of snow-ball fights and trips down the hill.

Raw sewage spills into Kashagawigamog

by Jerry Grozelle and Martha Perkins

An estimated 68,000 litres of raw sewage spilled into Lake Kashagawigamog after a sewer line's pumping station on Kashaga Drive malfunctioned and its alarm failed to go off.

Because the problem occurred at night, the raw sewage spilling out of the pumping station was not discovered until 8 a.m. last

Monday by a neighbour.

"It pumped for probably 12 hours," said Dysart CAO Donna McCallum.

Normally, when the pump fails, an alarm notifies Azurix, the company that operates the line and sewage treatment plant in Haliburton for Dysart et al. Unfortunately, the alarm also malfunctioned.

When a neighbour noticed the spill Monday morning, Azurix

was immediately notified, as were all the pertinent ministries and agencies.

As well, McCallum noted, "in the immediate area, we made sure no one would take water from the lake."

Eugene Raymo, senior environmental officer with the Ministry of the Environment in Peterborough, explained that the pump at sewage

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Birders look to the skies during annual Christmas count

by Darren Lum

Local birders armed with only binoculars and a keen sense of observation provide an annual "snapshot" of local birds during the annual Christmas Bird Count.

North American scientists use the "snapshot" to compile with other counts performed around the continent. The research helps with the study of population information and behaviour patterns for specific bird species.

Some 20 birders can be seen along the roads staring into the bush or fields with high powered binoculars.

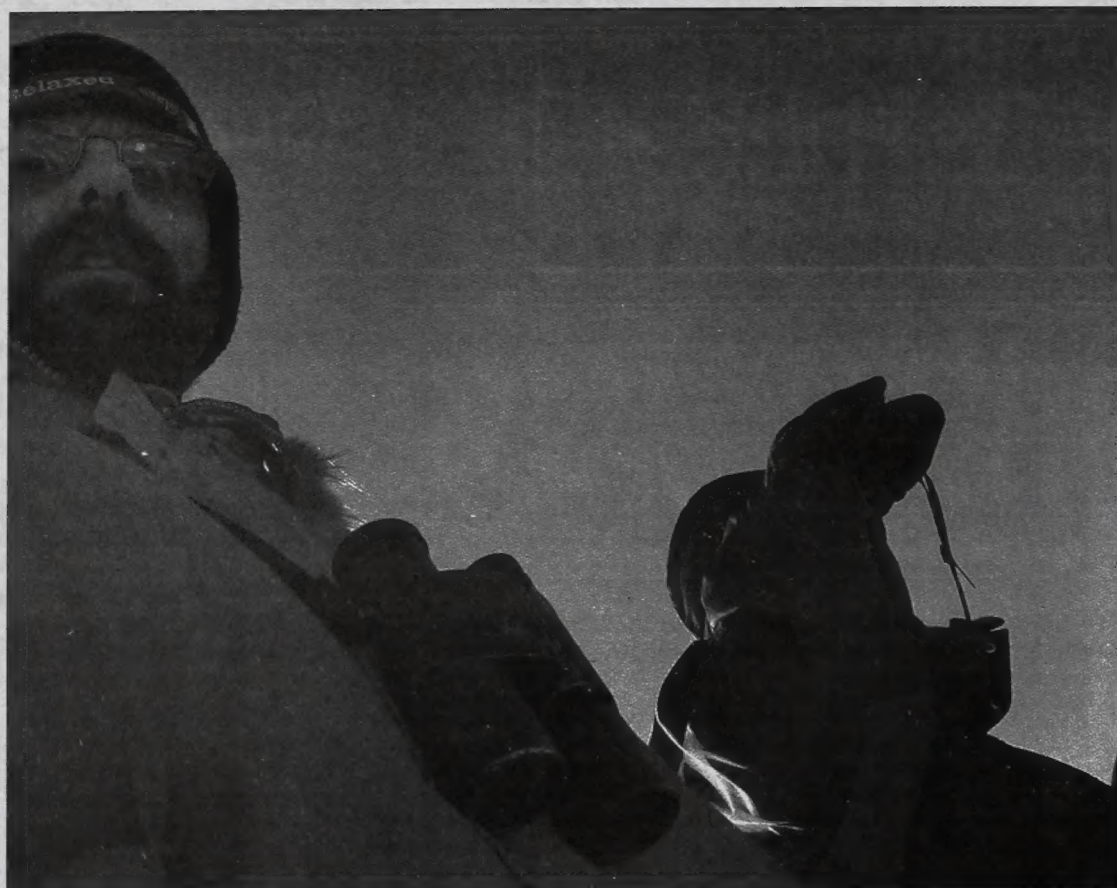
Bird watcher, or "birder", Ed Poropat may not get up at the crack of dawn like he used to, but he still spends hours of his free

time staring into the fields from the side of the road.

"We're always looking for that next species. If we didn't have that this would be pretty mundane. It's like finding a needle in a haystack," said Ed Poropat of his birding motivation. Poropat has been a birder for more than 30 years dating back to when he was in elementary school.

They are responsible for the southern portion of the county from Lochlin on County Rd. 1 south to Hwy. 121 and includes areas around Gull River and Jay Lake. The count is done the first Saturday after December 15.

Started in the late '60s, the Christmas Bird Count has been an annual project that has involved bird watching enthusiasts from around the county.



DARREN LUM/Times

Birder Ed Poropat, above, joined 20 other local volunteers who participated in the annual Minden Bird Count. The day's tally provides a snapshot of what types of birds and how many are in the Highlands.

Local school boards get additional transportation funds

Local school boards will receive additional funds this year to help address pressures in transportation costs.

"This additional support will help to ensure that students have secure and reliable transportation to school," said MPP Chris Hodgson. "It will help the boards and bus operators continue to meet the needs of local students."

Trillium Lakelands District School Board will see an extra \$651,952 this year, while PVNC Catholic District School Board will receive \$404,846. The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board will get an additional \$724,562.

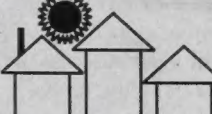
This additional funding helps boards and bus operators manage increased

transportation costs, including the fluctuating price of fuel and the challenges of transporting students to remote and rural schools.

Province-wide, the Ontario government is providing \$29.3 million in additional one-time funding for student transportation. This is \$6 million more than the additional support that was provided to school boards last year.

"The government is committed to providing resources to support our school boards," said Hodgson. "We will continue to work with school boards and other education partners to address the transportation issues they are facing in our community."





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Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Salary increases, doctors' on-call payment contribute to a projected \$200,000 deficit

by Martha Perkins

New contract agreements and a settlement for paying on-call doctors are contributing to a projected deficit of up to \$200,000 for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, but board members have no intention of trying to cut costs by cutting staff.

Next year's budget even includes plans to add an additional nurse in the summer to cover staff shortages.

"Do we go out and cut services? I think not. Do we lay off nurses? I think not," Chief Financial Officer Cathy Outram said at Thursday night's HHHS board meeting.

She said that given the shortage of nurses, "the last thing we'd want to do is cut nursing because we're just starting to have enough on the roster."

To address the difficulties the HHHS has in finding nurses to work in the summer when a nurse on shift has to accompany an emergency patient to another hospital, the HHHS is planning on adding another RPN on the day shift.

A major part of the projected deficit is the \$110,000 a year the HHHS has to pay doctors who are on-call to cover the doctor on shift at the two emergency departments. The HHHS had thought it could apply monies received from the Ministry of Health for this on-call service against the services being provided in the emergency department. An agreement with the Ontario Medical Association says otherwise.

(The on-call doctor is needed as a back-up should the doctor on site have to accompany a patient to another hospital.)

If it wasn't for this extra cost, CEO Foster Loucks says that this year's deficit could have been kept to \$20,000.

"We've done what we said we would but we misintepeted this one thing (the payment for on-call doctors)," Loucks says of the HHHS's ability to come in with a balanced budget.

In the past few years, the province has come to the HHHS's rescue in December or close to the end of its fiscal year (March 31.) However, based on a conference call CEO Foster Loucks had with Ministry of Health officials the day before the meeting, he's not as confident that money will be as forthcoming this year.

"The Ministry's clearly saying don't expect any year-end miracles such as we've had in the past," Loucks said. "It may be same old, same old (in terms of the Ministry's warnings), but don't expect a miracle."

The Ministry has said in the past that funding won't be increased to cover salary increases. The HHHS has recently signed a

three-year contract with SEIU for increases of 2.5%, 3% and 3%. On Thursday, the board ratified a contract with the Ontario Nurses Association with increases of 3%, 3% and 3.2%. Nurses at the top of the scale get an extra one percent as an inducement not to retire.

"The government's of the view that having added to our base funding last spring, they think we should manage the increments within that," Loucks said. "And although it is true that the province has been adding to the base, to a large extent hospitals have had to use the money to offset deficits of the last few years."

The HHHS isn't certain of the direction the Ministry expects it to take in terms of dealing with the increased staff costs. In the past, the Ministry said it wanted to be notified before any cuts were made, but now the Ministry seems to be saying it just wants to be notified of any decisions.

"The letter from the Ministry says 'don't cut' but the message of the conference call is 'tell us what you'd have to cut,'" Loucks said.

Board member Kim Stamp reported on many initiatives the HHHS is implementing to control spending on such things as electricity, phone bills, heat and administration.

However, even if the HHHS could find 100 ways to save \$1,000, that won't add up to next year's projected deficit of \$500,000, Loucks said.

"I hope we have a contingency plan because I wouldn't bet that the money will be there," said board member Dave Coulson. "If we spend money we don't have, we're going to dig ourselves into a hole."

Fellow board member Don DeMaio said that the projected operating budget for next year "is what we think the facilities should have" and no service cuts were being considered. Referring to the cost-cutting review each department is undertaking, "I suspect we can achieve quite a bit. There have got to be opportunities for improving our effectiveness."

Outram stressed that the draft operating budget for 2002-2003 as well as the projected deficit for 2001-2002 were asked for by the Ministry so it could get an idea of what funding requests it could expect. "They're fishing to see what's out there."

Referring to next year's draft budget, she said "it's basically status quo. It's not a generous budget by any means. We're not asking for the moon."

The board decided not to consider making any changes to the draft budget or current services.



Bob Hurrle accepts the honour of being named Citizen of the Year from Rotary President Jeanne Anthon, centre, while Bob Walli and Libby Hurrle look on. His connection to the Highlands dates back to the 1940s when he arrived as a cottager on Mountain Lake.

Bob Hurrle named Minden's 2001 Citizen of the Year

by Jerry Grozelle

The Minden and District Rotary Club's choice for Citizen of the Year met with unanimous approval of the more than 50 members and guests who attended the club's annual Christmas Party December 10 at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant.

When Rotarian Bob Walli announced that the recipient was Bob Hurrle, the assembled group voiced its approval with a loud round of applause.

Since retiring and becoming a full-time resident at he and wife Libby's Mountain Lake home in 1994, Bob Hurrle has been an active member of the community. He is a tireless donor of his free time and expertise in many circles within the area.

Bob Hurrle has served as the secretary of the Minden Timbersport Committee for several years. He has also been the treasurer of the Minden Terry Fox Run Committee for many years. A member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, Minden, he serves as the branch's Veterans Affairs Officer.

An active member of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden, Hurrle has recently been conscripted to be a lay reader at the church. He is a member of the Arcadia Masonic Lodge and the Minden Curling Club. He volunteers with the Minden Rotary Club and has

been known to organize numerous golf tournaments over the past several years.

Bob Hurrle's connection to Haliburton County dates back to the 1940s, when he began cottaging on Mountain Lake.

Hurrle graduated from Queen's University in 1959 as an electrical engineer. That same year he married Libby and began his family. Bob and Libby have two sons and two grandsons.

Hurrle employed his engineering skills at General Electric in Peterborough until his retirement in 1994. While he lived in Peterborough, he participated in two major volunteer projects. One was as project manager for the rebuilding of the Otonabee Memorial Centre arena. He also served as volunteer project manager for the utilities portion of the rebuilding of All Saints Anglican Church in Peterborough after the church suffered a devastating fire.

Even with a busy work and volunteer schedule, Hurrle managed to find time to coach minor hockey and help shape the lives of youth as a Scout leader.

In his introduction, Bob Walli said, "In 2001, the Year of the Volunteer, Bob Hurrle is a shining example of a volunteer."

In addition to the honour of being selected Rotary Citizen of the Year, Hurrle was presented with an honorary life membership to the Minden Rotary Club.

Minden Hills supports "the boot thing"

by Cathy Olliffe

The "boot thing" has received a green light from the Township of Minden Hills.

The Town of Laurentian Hills had asked other townships, including Minden Hills, to support its bid to allow charities to stop traffic in order to collect money.

Councillor Ron Buchanan called it "the boot thing," in reference to fire department personnel, who take off their firefighting boots, stop traffic and ask drivers to drop spare change into the boots to raise money for causes like muscular dystrophy. As Buchanan explained it, a while back the province passed the Safe Streets Act which bans such activities. The legislation was actually passed to curtail squeegee kids who try to clean windshields and ask for money from motorists, not to stop "the boot thing," which was inadvertently affected in the process.

What Laurentian Hills is trying to do is create an amendment to the legislation which would permit people like firefighters to stop traffic for genuine charities.

Even though local firefighters don't do "the boot thing," Buchanan wants to support the people who do.

In Minden, the minor hockey association and the Lions Club have conducted traffic stops on the Main Street bridge to raise money in the past.

So councillors agreed to support the Laurentian Hills resolution.



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It's a difficult choice but Shirley Howe will figure it out. Howe was the grand prize winner in the Hometown Christmas draw hosted by The Times. She won \$500 in gift certificates to spend at businesses of her choice who participated in the Hometown Christmas draw. Every Friday for four weeks, one randomly selected entry won a \$50 gift certificate. That money could be spent wherever the winner desired, as long as it was with a business who participated in the advertising bonanza. The last and largest prize was Howe's, for \$500 in gift certificates to also be spent in any of the businesses that partook in the Times' Hometown Christmas draw. The Minden resident said she was going to wait until after the holidays to spend her prize money. Pictured at left is Shirley Howe receiving the certificates from the Times.



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Raw sewage can't be recovered from lake; MNR waits to assess damage

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pumping station number three of the Dysart Municipal Sewage Treatment facility failed. The pumps that move the sewage from another pumping station continued to pump the material into station three, which overflowed.

Each of the stations has an alarm system which is supposed to warn operators when a station reaches a certain level and remedial action can be taken to prevent an overflow. In this case, the warning alarm also failed as well as the pump.

Raymo said the estimated amount of raw (untreated) sewage that reached the lake was 68 cubic metres or 68,000 litres (almost 15,000 gallons).

"The estimate is based on what typically would go through that station at that time," Raymo said.

To put the amount of the spill into perspective, the average tandem dump truck holds about 14 cubic yards or 12.5 cubic metres. That amounts to between five and five and a half tandem dump truck loads.

"There is no opportunity to recover the material that entered the lake," Raymo said. He noted that Kashagawigamog is a lake trout lake, which is very low in phosphorus. "The spill will have an impact on the water quality of the lake," Raymo said. "We don't know the extent [of the impact] yet."

Fisheries extension biologist David Flowers of the Minden District Ministry of Natural Resources said it is too soon to assess the impact the spill may have on the fish population of the lake. He said the impact would have been much

worse had the spill occurred in the summer, when the increased nutrient and phosphorous levels would have resulted in an almost immediate algae bloom. With the incident happening at this time of year, the lake will have the opportunity to flush itself during the next few months before the aquatic vegetation starts to grow again in the spring.

Flowers explained that if vegetation growth is excessive, it could have an impact on the cold water species of fish such as lake trout. When the vegetation dies, it lowers the oxygen content in the deeper water, inhabited by those fish.

Unbeknownst to the municipality, at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, the health unit issued a boil water order for Kashagawigamog.

It is not known how many people draw water directly from the lake, but McCallum suspects it would only be a few cottagers, and it is unlikely many of them would have been at the cottage at the time.

By Wednesday, the health unit had lifted the boil water advisory. "After a 48-hour period, the situation has improved," Anne Alexander, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Health Unit's director of environmental health said in a press release. "Standard disinfection units at these residences are sufficient to disinfect the water."

Alexander said such disinfection units are recommended for all homes which draw water from an untreated source. She urges anyone who doesn't have a disinfection unit in place to take immediate steps to remedy the situation.

Meanwhile, McCallum said the munic-

ipality wishes the health unit had let the municipality know the boil water order was being issued, especially since there are so few people whose drinking water would be negatively affected by the spill.

"Everyone errs on the side of caution and because of what happened in Walkerton, I understand it," she said.

As to any adverse impacts on water quality, she said "unfortunately there's nothing we can do about the lake but we will do everything we can to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Azurix is investigating what went wrong and will make a report to council in January, outlining what has or will be done to ensure the situation doesn't happen again.

This is the second time a pump along the line has malfunctioned but the other accident was caught early and the overflow was minor, McCallum said.

The MOE has issued Dysart, owner of the sewage treatment facility, with a provincial officer's order which requires the municipality to determine the cause of the pump failure as well as the failure of the alarm system. The municipality will also be expected to report on what corrective actions are taken to prevent future spills.

"We need to know what happened and to prevent it from happening again," Raymo said. The MOE is continuing its investigation. No charges have been laid at this time. "It appears to be equipment failure," Raymo said.

Lake Kashagawigamog was previously scheduled for water quality testing in 2002. Measurement of phosphorus levels will be part of that testing procedure.

Signs are up for stops along the Minden Heritage Tour

New blue and gold heritage plaques have sprouted throughout the village of Minden. These 23 plaques are Minden's Heritage Tour along with the Guide available wherever you see the distinctive Minden's Heritage Tour poster. Many have contributed to making the Heritage Tour a reality. Funding has been provided by the Township of Minden Hills, the Chamber of Commerce, the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the Minden Business Association and the tour sponsors listed in the guide. Thanks also to Dianne Graham and Carol Miles of the Minden Museum for their research and knowledge, to Carol Moffatt and John Hulbig and others for the use of their photos, to Robert vanNood for the graphic design, to Vista Signs for the plaques and to County Commercial Printers for the guides and posters and to Linnea Baynton of the Wild Swan Bed and Breakfast for her vision and persistence.

The tour is missing one photo - the Methodist Church, now Don Finn's office. If anyone has a photo they would be willing to lend, please get in touch with Friends of Minden Hills and Haliburton Highlands, at 286-3020.

Minden's Heritage Tour, a collaboration with the Minden Mural Committee, is the first project of the newly formed Friends of Minden Hills and Haliburton Highlands. The next project is Riverwalk - a project to build upon the scenic setting of the Village of Minden on the Gull River.

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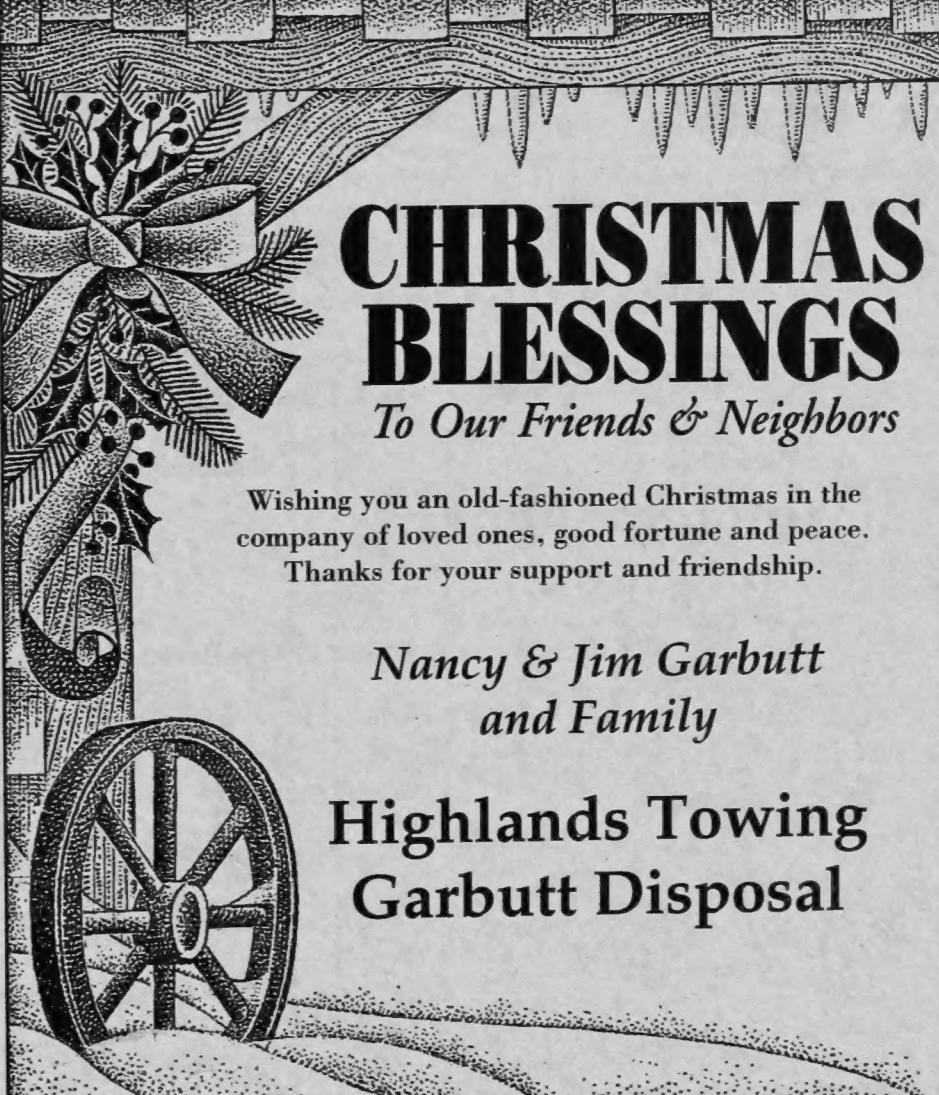
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Rosemarie Cook gets recipe published in Light & Tasty magazine

by Allison Taylor

There's a Cook in Stanhope who can really cook up a storm.

Perhaps it's the raspberries, the meringue or even just a love of sinful desserts that makes Rosemarie Cook sparkle, but her knack for unearthing succulent recipes has helped her to win an award.

Cook recently won second place in a holiday dessert competition hosted by an American-based magazine called Light & Tasty. The magazine champions recipes that are light in fat and low in calories, but still tasty fare.

Without hesitation (well maybe a second thought) the long-time Stanhope resident knew the perfect recipe that matched the magazine's theme — her family's favourite Raspberry-Filled Meringue Torte.

"My family asks for it all the time," she said standing in her kitchen last week. "I've made it for over 20 years."

With three grown children, two grandchildren and one famished husband, Art, Cook is certainly up to the challenge of keeping their tummies full.

While the energetic retiree doesn't usually enter recipe contests, Cook said she felt inspired to give her well-loved dessert a shot, thinking the low-fat meringue would be the perfect candidate.

"I'm a meringue freak," she said while putting the final touches on her award-winning dessert. She was making it for a pot-luck dinner. "I'm a desert freak."

Last April, Cook was buying groceries at a store in Haliburton, when her eyes happened upon a low-fat chicken recipe. It was in the Light & Tasty magazine.

After she made the recipe (and happily ate the results) she decided to peruse the rest of the magazine to see what else she could find to tempt her husband's taste buds.

"I saw an advertisement for the holiday dessert contest and I thought I would just enter, who cares," she said.

Months flew by and she slowly forgot about the contest, but her family never for-

got about the dessert, reserved for only special occasions or holidays.

"I had basically given up hope at that point," she said, overloading a layer of meringue with a concoction of super red raspberries. Then in November, she got a message on her answering machine from the magazine.

"Holy cow," she said. "I thought it was dynamite."

She won second place and she doesn't even have a subscription to Light & Tasty.

As a reward for her recipe, which she admits to getting out of another magazine over two decades ago, she was the proud recipient of a Scanpan 11-piece cookware set valued at \$450 US.

"It was either the pots or a knife set," she said with a laugh. "But a girlfriend of mine told me, that I could cut myself on a \$2 knife, just as easily as a \$500 knife. So I went for the pots."

They were really great about it, she said about the magazine, not even having to pay shipping fees for her prize.

Thrilled with second place, Cook was still interested in finding out why a recipe for Frosty Pumpkin Pie took first place honours.

"I'm personally not a pumpkin person," she said. "But I really didn't know the criteria the judges used."

If the magazine judged recipes only on calories, then Cook admits defeat.

"Mine is loaded in calories, if you do it the real way," she said. "If you're going to go, you might as well go the whole way."

Her husband, doesn't mind one bit either.

"My name is only Cook, but I don't cook I only eat," he said while watching the entire process unfold in the kitchen. "I love eating it."

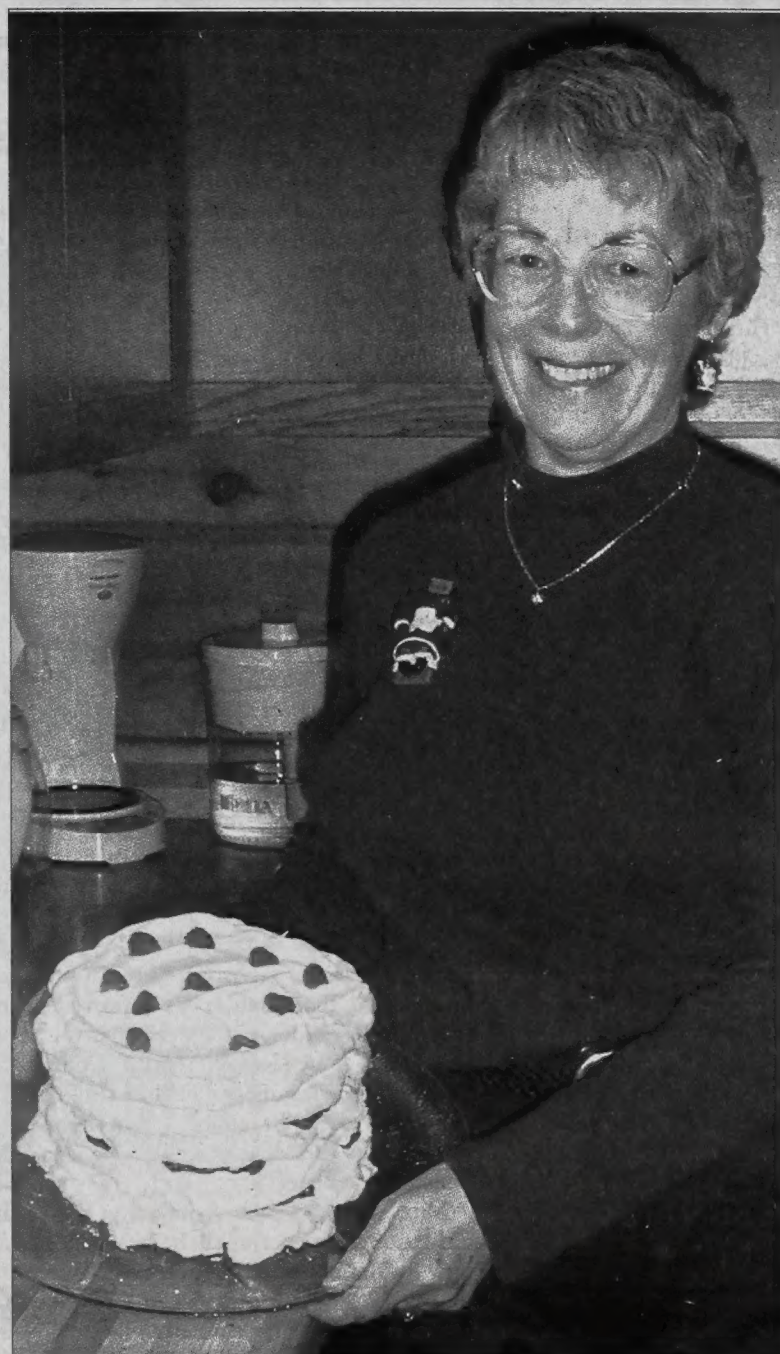
He said it was one of the best dessert he's tasted, but his family has to save it for special occasions — otherwise the uniqueness would wear off.

But it hasn't worn off in 20 years for the Cook family.

Perhaps it's all in the process.

The secret to the recipe is using a "good

ALLISON TAYLOR/Times



"My family asks for it all the time," Rosemarie Cook says of her Raspberry filled Meringue Torte. "I've made it for over 20 years."

mixer, with a good motor," Cook said, adding the final touch to the dessert.

The magazine did change her recipe around a little bit.

She usually makes a six layer dessert, with meringues that are 6 1/2 inches around. The magazine did five layers with larger pieces of 7 1/2 inches.

"It kind of bugged me a little bit," she said. But because the recipe wasn't hers originally, she thought they might have wanted to change it around a little bit for copyright reasons.

Also, the magazine used fresh raspberries

in its final product.

"You can't get fresh raspberries in Haliburton at this time of year," she said while using frozen berries to garnish her dessert. "The frozen ones taste just as good."

Cook not only collects recipes, but she is also an avid researcher even using the Internet to hunt down that perfect recipe. Her cupboards are brimming with magazines and cookbooks, mainly desserts.

"As long as you give me a recipe book, no problem," she said. "I just love baking and cooking."

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Award-winning Raspberry-filled Meringue Torte

From *Light & Tasty*
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by Rosemarie Cook

My family always asks for this impressive sweet during the holidays. I've relied on this light meringue recipe for as long as I can remember — it's a surefire success each and every time I serve it.

6 egg whites
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1-1/2 cups sugar
1 cup flaked coconut
1/2 cup cornstarch
Filling:
2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen sweetened raspberries, thawed
3 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons sugar
1 carton (8 ounces) frozen reduced-fat whipped topping, thawed.
10 fresh raspberries

Line baking sheets with parchment paper and trace five 7-1/2 inch circles on paper; set aside.
In a large mixing bowl, beat the egg whites until foamy. Add cream of tartar; beat on medium

speed until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating on high until stiff peaks form. Combine coconut and cornstarch; fold into meringue.

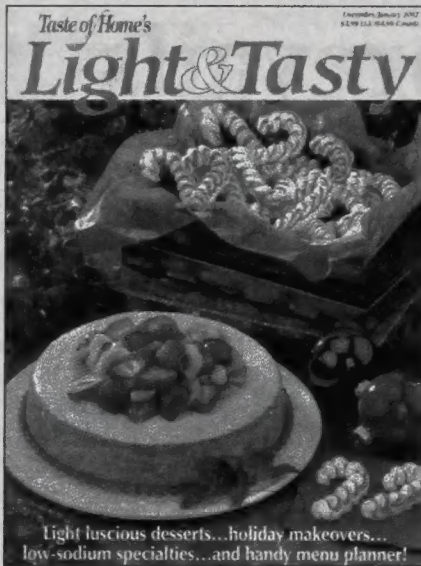
Spread meringue evenly over each circle on prepared pans. Bake at 300 for 30 minutes or until firm and lightly golden. Cool for five minutes. Gently remove meringues from baking sheets to wire racks to cool completely.

Meanwhile, drain raspberries, reserving juice. Set the berries aside. Add enough water to juice to measure 2 cups. In a saucepan, combine cornstarch and sugar; stir in the raspberry liquid until smooth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Cool completely. Fold in the sweetened raspberries.

To assemble, place one meringue on a service plate; top with about 2/3 cup raspberry filling. Repeat three times. Top with remaining meringue layer and whipped topping. Refrigerate for 1 hour before serving. Garnish with fresh berries. Cut with a serrated knife.

Yield: 10 servings.

Nutritional Analysis: One piece equals 332 calories, 6 g saturated fat, 0 cholesterol, 59 mg sodium, 66 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 3 g protein.



Stanhope airport manager to be full-time in 2002

by Allison Taylor

The Stanhope Airport will get a late Christmas gift from the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

In an effort to meet increasing demands at the airport, the council decided to promote the Airport Manager John Packer to full-time status in 2002.

This past year, Packer got paid for part-time hours but was working additional hours in the week, said Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

"His contract is 75 per cent and we all know he puts in around 150 per cent," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "He is there more than any of us really know."

After several meetings about Packer's contract, the council announced at their December 20 council meeting, that Packer will be paid for a 40 hour work week starting January 1, 2002.. His official hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday through Monday, with Tuesdays and Wednesdays off.

"We know as we move forward

and as more work is involved in the master plan, I have no doubt he will be kept busy," Harrison said. "So we had no problem negotiating a new contract with him."

Deputy-Reeve Don Shortreed was concerned with what happens at the airport during the two days that Packer would be away.

"What happens on the days when he's not there?" he asked the council.

The airport is still open for the entire week, but they don't sell gasoline on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, said Administrator, Gerald Bain.

For emergency gas refills, there is a 1-800 number that pilots can call if they need fuel, Bain said.

"If a pilot needs gasoline to go pleasure flying, then it isn't considered an emergency," he said.

Harrison said the time may come in the future when they need to reconsider the days when the airport is staffed, but for now the schedule will remain fixed.

The details of the contract were not made public.

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Good sense prevails

Editorial

It took a lot of individuals and groups a considerable amount of time and effort, but the collective work proved that governments can be swayed.

An announcement was made this past week that the provincial government has provided exemptions for anglers and hunters, under certain circumstances, from purchasing trail permits to use Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club's trails. The exemptions have avoided possible ugly confrontations between the OFSC, its member clubs (the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association included) and those anglers and hunters who have traditionally used parts of the snowmobile trails to access their hunting and fishing sites.

The government has turned the administration of the snowmobile trails over to the OFSC and its member clubs and in doing so, turned over responsibility for collecting trail pass fees. Even though the OFSC was in favour of allowing anglers and hunters who have traditionally used parts of the trail system to access their hunt camps and fishing locations without buying trail permits, the government announced that hunters and anglers would be

required to pay for trail passes.

Many of the anglers and hunters are only occasional trail users or use only short stretches of trails to access their hunting and fishing sites.

In addition, the trail systems cross property which is owned by some of these occasional users. When it was announced that everyone who uses even a small part of the OFSC trail system would be required to buy a trail permit, it created much resentment.

Groups such as the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the Ontario Sporting Dog Association, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and numerous other organizations added their voices to those opposing the regulations as they were set. Some were very vocal, mistakenly viewing the OFSC and the HCSA as the enemy. They vowed to shut down many areas of the trail system by closing their members' property. If that had happened, the OFSC trail system would have suffered some devastating gaps. Trails that snowmobilers had used to travel hundreds of miles would suddenly have become dead ended. Some trails would have been abandoned altogether because groomers would not have been able to turn around where the access had

been denied.

Snowmobile clubs would have lost revenues because trails would have been closed and alternate routes impossible to find. Tourist related businesses which depend to a large extent on the snowmobile traffic in the winter for their livelihood, which include a substantial portion of the businesses in Haliburton County, would also have felt the impact of fewer snowmobilers in the area.

The change doesn't give a blanket exemption to anyone who claims to be going fishing or hunting. Reasonable proof that the trail is being used only to access a fishing or hunting site must be provided, such as a valid outdoors card, with appropriate validation tags, and the corresponding hunting or fishing equipment must be in evidence.

Anyone who uses the trail system for other than the exempted uses is expected to buy a trail pass, which helps to fund the cost of grooming and insurance.

In short, nobody would have been a winner if this potential confrontation had been allowed to happen. Fortunately, that potentially damaging situation has been averted.

Big thanks to the Stanhope Soccer League

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the Stanhope Soccer League, Joan Sobel and the Algonquin Highlands Council for the generous donation of \$750.00. This money will be used by the Haliburton County Public Library to buy children's books that will be housed in the Stanhope Branch.

It is wonderful to see the children stream into the Library after soccer games on Tuesday nights during June, July and August.

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Remember, the more you read, the more you know.

Sherrill Sherwood
Stanhope Branch Supervisor

Stem Cell faces moral issues

To the Editor:

Recent medical breakthroughs in stem cell research have been in the news a great deal lately. Stem cells are cells of the body that can be generated into any cells needed to replace damaged ones. The hope is that such cell therapy could replace transplants and prolong lives.

The source for stem cell research is the issue that has heated topics, from the ethical to the scientific point not to mention the political one.

There are two major sources of stem cells – the first is human (somatic or adult) stem cells taken from umbilical cord and its blood, placentas and bone marrow. The use of these cells over the last 20 years has been successful in treating many diseases such as leukemia and Hodgkin's disease. What has been reported lately is the discovery of many more sources of human cells, like that of fat cells from liposuction. Such research and treatment is morally and ethically acceptable since no harm comes to the donor.

The moral problem addressed in this issue is with the second source of cells taken from newly conceived children in the embryonic stage of their development. The children die when the cells are harvested. For years now children have been conceived by a method of in vitro fertilization, this process has a very high failure rate due to the foreign tissue rejected by the woman. So many children are conceived hoping that at least one will live. These "left overs" are used in laboratories by researchers, once the stem cells are extracted, these children die. No disease has yet been alleviated or cured by the use of embryonic stem cells.

Researchers are also trying to use the bodies of aborted children as a source of these cells. Morally, we must never allow human beings at the embryonic stage, or at any other stage to be used for experimentation. The primary principle in the Nuremberg Code state, "Voluntary consent is absolutely essential", and also the code prohibits experimentation that causes injury, disability or a person's death. Both of these principles are violated in embryonic stem cell research.

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Christmas ain't for husbands

Look, I'm not disputing that Christmas is great for kids and family. It's the unsettling effects it has on husbands that has me concerned. I'm just not sure it's good for you. In fact, I believe that Health Canada should warn that prolonged exposure to Christmas is dangerous to a married man's existence.

It's not about money or the chores of putting up the lights and trees. Nor is it about the obvious dangers of hanging mistletoe on the back belt loop of your pants after drinking too much eggnog at the office party. No, the stress comes from choosing a gift for your wife.

The problem is that everyone has unreasonable expectations of a man who is on the hunt for a Christmas gift. For the first time that year, they expect things like thoughtfulness, taste and sensitivity - which is why a man feels justified giving his wife money and asking her to get it herself. Yet, surprisingly, that doesn't put a glimmer in her eye.

So he finds himself turned loose in the malls and stores catering to women: he is a stranger in a strange land.

He's jittery, nervous, and scared. The smell of fine perfume hangs heavy in the air. Panicked, he turns to the bath soaps. No, he thinks, she'll take that like I'm hinting that she smells bad. He runs over to the lingerie but quickly he forgets her size. Knowing that time is running out, he then crosses to aisle four and looks at the jewelry. The prices make him clutch his heart. He returns to the calming effect of the lingerie section.

It's then that he looks up and sees several other men huddled nervously amongst the baby dolls and boas. As bad as he is, the man across

from him is far worse. He's a wreck; forlorn, twitching, and babbling uncontrollably. Suddenly, a considerate sales woman takes him by the arm so that he needn't look at that mirror anymore.

"Uh, uh, uh... I need ...," he stutters.

"I know dear," she says. "Calm down."

He suppresses tears of joy and is led down the aisle. It's very much like his wedding memories.

But, unlike then, he now knows that everything is going to be alright. He hands over his wallet and takes several deep breaths. He passes several of his buddies, being led in the same way. They look like shell-shocked extras from Night of the Living Dead. But each seems strangely happy now.

Soon, he leaves the lingerie department behind and is shown several truly thoughtful gifts that he would never in a million years think of himself. He chooses three and as she escorts him to the line at the cash register, he turns to her gives her a hug. One day he vows to return the favour.

That Christmas, his wife is impressed, perhaps for the first time. After opening the third gift she is teary-eyed and smiling, but unlike other Christmases this time because she likes what he has bought her. She is

even under the mistaken belief that a Christmas miracle has somehow occurred.

Now is a perfect time. So he tells her how much he cares and how much she means to him. And after she has finally released him from her arms, he smiles and hands her gift number four - hoping beyond all hope that she likes lingerie and boas just as much as he does.



BEYOND 35
BY STEVE GALEA

A few words about facial hair

There are several thousand valid reasons to loathe and despise Osama bin Hidin' and his verminous pack of psychopathic lunatics. I would like to add one more.

They've given beards a bad name.

Beards are not only common among the muja-hadeen - they're mandatory - ordained by a warped interpretation of the Koran which also sentences women to spend their lives living under blankets.

But even without the recent bad press, it's been a long time since beards have had a really good public image. It wasn't always that way. Canada was once decidedly beard-friendly. Our first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, flirted with facial fuzz from time to time. George Brown, his political rival and founder of what became the Globe and Mail, sported a hedge of chin whiskers that could have been used to sweep chimneys. Back then, a good full beard denoted prosperity, steadfastness and, well...virility. Most public figures, if they wore trousers, also wore beards.

Times change. Check out the White House in Washington or Whitehall in London - scarcely a five-o'clock shadow, never mind a chin whisker. Same on Parliament Hill. There's nary an unshaven mug in the Chretien cabinet (as befits a collection of submissive human sock puppets). Matter of fact, I can't think of any major Canadian public figure who's bearded. Even Don Cherry shaved off that goofy goatee.

There is a serious dearth of positive bearded role models out there. Nowadays, beards flourish only in environments friendly to Middle Eastern fundamentalists, obscure university profs, Grateful Deadheads, lumberjacks, mountain men and religious zealots with private gun arsenals and multiple wives.

Plus, well...me, actually.

Aside from a rash (pun intended) moment in the late '70's when I allowed my jaw to be clearcut in order to raise money for charity, I've had an upholstered chin for more than thirty years.

Why? Why not?

The question isn't why some men have beards,

but rather why most men voluntarily submit to the barbaric custom of scraping the bottom half of their faces with a sharp instrument seven days a week and sometimes twice on Sunday.

The Irish playwright/intellectual George Bernard Shaw, who had enough fur on his face to knit a throw rug, said his beard was inspired by his father.

"I was about five at the time" said Shaw, "and I was standing at my father's knee whilst he was shaving. I said to him 'Daddy, why do you shave?' He looked at me in silence for a full minute, before throwing the razor out the window, saying, 'Why the hell do I?' He never shaved again."

Still, there's no denying that some folks just can't handle the sight of a fur-rimmed mandible. I sense it, sometimes, when I'm introduced to a stranger and they recoil like they've been asked to do a slow dance with Fidel Castro. Some folks just flat out don't like beards.

But that's okay. I've found that, by and large, I

don't much like people who don't like beards, so my face fur serves as a social marker buoy to help us avoid close contact.

And anyway, I think the tide is turning on beardophobia. Tom Hanks showed the world that beardos can be good guys. In the movie Castaway, Hanks cultivated a crop of facial fleece that cried out for a Massey-Harris combine-harvester. (Mind, you he was marooned on a desert island. His only option would have been self-mutilation with a clamshell.)

Yet it's not as if we're entirely bereft of other positive bearded icons. We have it on biblical authority that Jesus and his disciples wore beards. For every Marx, there's a Moses. For every Ted Kaczynski, there's a Kenny Rogers.

Not to mention the most famous bearded hug-bunny of all - the guy who'll be making house calls real soon.

PS: If you're going to leave a treat, make it ginger ale, not Coke or Pepsi. Colas can leave an unseemly stain on white whiskers.



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by Darren Lum

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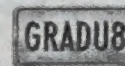
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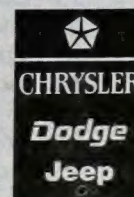
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Septage lagoon a possibility in Minden Hills

by Allison Taylor
and Cathy Olliffe

Two townships in the Haliburton Highlands will co-operate in the creation of a septage lagoon, after the two separate councils gave the thumbs up on December 20.

Algonquin Highlands Township is proposing to build a septage lagoon on property that it owns in Hindon, which is now a part of Minden Hills Township.

In order to build the lagoon somewhere on their land, an area compromising approximately 45 acres located around the Pine Springs landfill site, Algonquin Highlands needed permission and co-operation from the Minden council.

"I want to speed up the process. But first we have to find out if the existing zoning will permit (the lagoon) or see how the council feels about rezoning the area," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

The council had been waiting for several months for a response from Minden Hills and at the council meeting on December 20 it expressed its frustration at the length of time it was taking Minden to respond to their proposal.

We've been held up for a long time, Harrison said, upset that irate residents in Algonquin

Highlands Township were starting to call her and complain about the inactivity on the lagoon issue.

Councilor Tom Gardner was equally distraught.

"We've been sitting here for how long now, waiting for an answer," he said. "We can't even look at options until we find out about the zoning."

Council has been unable to proceed with the lagoon until it had the go ahead from the Minden council. The future of the proposed lagoon at the Pine Springs landfill site was in the hands of the Minden Hills Township.

Meanwhile at the Minden council meeting on the same day, Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney announced an application has been made but he wouldn't say who has made the application or where the lagoon might be situated. He did say it would be on private land and used by a Minden Hills hauler.

"I'm not able to say who it is," Rigney said at the December 20 council meeting.

The subject came up when councillor Ingram Wessell asked what was going on with the Township of Algonquin Highlands' bid to put a lagoon in the area of Pine Springs landfill site.

Rigney explained, "They [Algonquin Highlands] own the landfill site in our township — 45 acres in Hindon. They are now

proposing to put a lagoon there, a joint venture between one of their haulers and the township."

"We're just agreeing to it," Rigney said. "They still have homework to do with technical specifications but it's OK with us as long as they meet all the technical standards."

It's been a rather long process for Algonquin Highlands as they awaited responses to several letters to the Minden council, despite asking for the process to be expedited urgently.

Apparently the Minden council is in-between planners, which may have caused some of the delay, said Administrator-Clerk Gerald Bain.

The Minden council was also confused about where the property was located because of survey problems, Bain said.

"It was just a blob in the bush to them," Bain said, referring to the Pine Springs landfill site. "We know where we are but Minden Hills doesn't."

The delay from Minden means

that Algonquin Highlands might not be able to build the lagoon until winter of next year.

"It's been very frustrating," Harrison said. "Even if we have to rezone the land, it could still take at least two months."

Even with the subject being raised at the Minden Hills council meeting, Algonquin Highlands will still have to get through lots of red tape before they can begin construction.

"We have no idea if it will take one year or five years," she said.



Junior division winners of the Minden Legion Branch 636 Literary and Poster Contest are, front row, left to right: Donald Murdoch, Jordyn Archer, Emma Cox, Katie Sutcliffe, Kristen Campbell and Legion Youth Education Co-ordinator Francine Newton. Back row (l to r): Jessica Pottier, Victoria Hillier, Kandice Withey, John Murray and Taylor Vlamang.

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Trail permits waived

OFSC supports limited exemption for anglers and hunters

Qualified anglers and hunters are receiving a special Christmas present this year thanks to the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) and the Government of Ontario. With the support of the OFSC, and subject to certain specific conditions, the Government recently passed a regulation under the Motorized Snow Vehicle Act that extends to qualified anglers and hunters a limited exemption from the new requirement to have and display a Snowmobile Trail Permit while riding an OFSC trail.

The Snowmobile Trail Permit is not a blanket exemption for all anglers and hunters. First, to be exempt they must prove that they are presently engaged in the activity in question. Then the limited exemption will only apply on an OFSC snowmobile trail on Crown or public land, not on private property. It will only apply on an OFSC trail that is the most direct route to and from an

area open for angling or hunting if that trail is the only, or the only safe, access route from the closest road to that open area.

Anglers who are claiming this limited exemption must carry a valid fishing or fishing/hunting outdoors card and a valid sport fishing tag. Hunters must have a valid outdoors card, a valid licence to hunt and be carrying hunting equipment. Any angler or hunter who does not meet the criteria specified in the regulation is subject to a fine for not having a Snowmobile Trail Permit while riding an OFSC trail, which ranges from a minimum of \$200 to a maximum of \$1,000.

"Since the new permit requirement under Bill 101 is aimed at recreational snowmobilers, the OFSC is pleased to include a limited number of anglers and hunters in the Snowmobile Trail Permit exemptions while they are engaged in their primary winter recreational activity of hunting or fishing," said OFSC General Manager Ron Purchase.

"In return, we are asking anglers and hunters to co-operate by using a non-OFSC route wherever possible and buying a Snowmobile Trail Permit if riding a snowmobile on an OFSC trail is, or becomes, a primary recreational activity."

Bill 101, an act to promote snowmobile trail sustainability and enhance snowmobile safety and enforcement, was passed earlier this year. It amends the Motorized Snow Vehicle Act and supporting regulations and the Trespass to Property Act to reinforce the current user pay system for OFSC snowmobile trails by requiring a Snowmobile Trail Permit. The permit requirement does not apply to non-OFSC trails or to individuals using those trails for walking, skiing or snowshoeing. Some groups received a limited exemption from the trail permit requirement to provide access to their property or work area, and henceforth some anglers and hunters will also enjoy that privilege, but

under the Act, there is no provision for permit refunds.

"It is crucial that the public understand and appreciate that OFSC snowmobile trails are primarily funded through trail permit sales," Purchase said. "So anyone who uses an OFSC trail regularly, thereby also contributing to its wear and tear, should buy a permit so that the local club has the money to keep it open and groomed. It's a question of fairness that all users help pay for the upkeep. Many anglers and hunters already support OFSC trails by buying a trail permit each winter."

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs is dedicated to providing strong leadership and support to member clubs to establish and maintain quality snowmobile trails which are used in a safe and environmentally responsible manner to further the enjoyment of organized snowmobiling.

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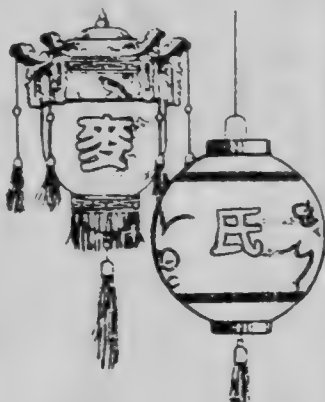
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Minden Hills will try to clean up laundry issue

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ing for water softeners and filters. "I get hesitant to go down that road," French said.

Maier did have a water expert come to his house to look at the water in his bathtub. Maier said, "His initial response

was, 'Holy Cow!'" As for the effect it had on his laundry, Maier said, "The polite word is it looks like there was an accident in my pants. They're ruined."

After OCWA officials heard about Maier's problem they sent a letter back to him that was unsigned with the date wrong. "They must be psychic," Maier said, "because they

wrote this letter approximately eight months before the incident happened."

The letter denied Maier's request for reimbursement for the "alleged" incident and told him that Minden water conforms to drinking water standards.

"I am stressing the word alleged here. I really took offence to it," Maier said. "I didn't ask them. I didn't vote for them."

Maier made several other phone calls to various people in places like Peterborough and even Kingston trying to get some answers. "This has been a real odyssey as far as making phone calls," he said, but his biggest frustration has been with the township itself. "It is a very maddening situation when you try to deal with council ... if a citizen is expected to take the time to write a letter to council, they deserve a response, even if it's just an acknowledgment letter. I feel there is something amiss."

Maier's comments did not fall on deaf ears.

"I think you've pointed out a problem and we'll try to deal with it," Rigney said, promising an answer back to Maier in about a week's time.

Councillor Peter Oyler also had comments to make about the way mail is dealt with at the township. If letters are addressed to the reeve or members of council, they should go to that person unopened and unread. "I have had correspondence addressed to me, in my mail slot, that's already opened," he said. "That really, really irks me."

Oyler also wants to make sure that citizens' concerns are not ignored. "That's a normal function of a municipal government, to respond to inquiries from members of the public."

Deputy reeve Jim McMahon said he became aware of Maier's situation "because I overheard a conversation in the hallway. I keep pretty good records and I went through all my papers and nowhere did I see a letter from Mr. Maier addressed to the reeve or to members of council."

Treasurer Mary Jane Irwin said a letter was received by the township and was forwarded to the environment and public works committee.

Councillor Ron Buchanan thinks OCWA should be dealing with the issue in a better way. "We're paying OCWA quite a bit of money monthly because of liability issues. We are paying good money to them to take on this liability and if they're not covering this liability, then what kind of liability do they, in fact, cover?"

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Storm's a-brewing

The winners of the Highland Storm logo and name contest gathered at the Dysart arena to accept their reward for a job well done. Each person received a jersey with the new logo and name on it. In the front row from left to right: Adrian Winn, Michael Lennox, Matt Eno on behalf of his aunt Erin Eno who designed the logo and Colin Callaghan on behalf of his mother Brenda Callaghan. In the back row from left to right: Jim Winn, Greg Carpenter, Laurie Smith, Andy Lennox and Mark Eno.

Peewee Bs downed in rough game

by Sherrill Sherwood

The Kawartha Dairy sponsored Peewee B Highland Storm hockey team was defeated at Ops on November 28 in a rough game, with many penalties assessed.

Highlighting a December 2 game at home versus Beaverton's B1 team was Jake Ruddy's return after being off for several games. Jake and Billy Kulas notched a goal and an assist each in this game, which was a decisive win for Beaverton.

Playing against Omeme at Minden on December 9, Derek Wilson's goal kept the game close for part of the evening. But Omeme's power-passing lines wore down the Storm and Omeme ran away with the win.

Wilberforce's Peewee B team, rumored to have lost only one game this year, brought out the best in the Storm's play on December 13 in Haliburton.

Down by two goals in the first period, Mackie

Campbell made some brilliant moves to score the first of three the Storm team would secure. Jake Findeis came on strong in the visitor's zone with solid stick work. Natasha McGann made many aggressive plays to turn the play around. Steven Kerr's amazing shots and defensive hustle stood out. In spite of a strong effort by the Storm, Wilberforce returned home with another win under its belt.

Beaverton's B2 team was an even match for the Storm on December 16 at home. Bradford Burk's goal, assisted by Tyler Box, brought the Highland squad up to three. The second goal in two games, Bradford's new center position fits like a glove. Beaverton squeaked one extra goal in to eke out the win, 4-3.

Coach Richard VanNood has expressed how proud he is of what this team has accomplished so far, especially the good sportsmanship displayed.

Well-deserved tie for Storm in Peterborough

The Highlands Storm Atom B team proved to be both great ambassadors of our county as well as a team that the competition had to respect on the ice during a recent tournament in Peterborough.

The Storm won its first game 3-2 against Newmarket.

The Storm was first on the scoreboard with a timely goal late in the first by Cole Scheffee. The helper went to Logan Brown.

Newmarket scored twice in the second to take over the lead. But in the third, the Storm tied the score early, thanks to a goal by Brown, assisted by Carson Metcalf and Alex Lopez. With a flurry of activity in the last two minutes Scheffee drove the winner home with the set-up by Brady Yavis and Riley Sisson.

The second game was a goalie's parents' dream (or night mare...depending). After a very exciting three periods with the score going back and forth, the game ended in a 4-4 tie against Oshawa. Highland Storm goals were scored by Jordan Dick, Jay Winfield, Cole Scheffee and Brady Yavis and assists went to Yavis and Scheffee.

The deadlock forced a shoot-out. Curtis Nichol in the Storm net was his usual calm, cool, and collected, and denied the three advances of the Oshawa team's sharpshooters. Cole Scheffee scored for the Storm to give Curtis and the rest of the jubilant team the win.

The third game proved to be a little different competition. The opposing Peterborough team was big — really BIG! This Peterborough team had scored in the double digits against its other two opponents. But the Storm team members played hard and skated with Peterborough's best, keeping their heads in the game throughout to skate off the ice with a medal as the A Division finalists.

Back to the regular season on Sunday, the Storm met up with Bobcaygeon. The team played well despite the incoming flu bug.

Jay Winfield was strong between the pipes and held the visiting team to two goals with the help of Joey Findeis and Jarrett Donaldson on defense. The home team had to settle for a 2-2 (well deserved) tie.

The Storm goals were scored by Scheffee and Walker and assists went to Tanner Warburton, Walker and Yavis.

Schedule changed for Highland Storm County League

Games that were scheduled for January 19 in Haliburton will now be played in Minden on January 19.

Games that were scheduled for February 2 in Minden will now be played in Haliburton on February 2.

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Hawk guard Conrad Flatman leads a break out and scores an easy lay-up against Fenelon Falls.

Easy win for Red Hawks

by Darren Lum

The Red Hawks Senior basketball team cruised to an easy 43-30 win against Fenelon Falls last week but nearly lost one of its captains in the second quarter. Hawk guard, Matt McElwain was forced to leave the game temporarily for medical attention during the final minutes of the second quarter when he re-aggravated an ankle injury on a screen play at the top of the key in the defensive zone. The left ankle suffered a hairline fracture in September during a pick-up basketball game at school. He had scored nearly half the Hawk point total up to that point and was performing well defensively.

Despite his absence, the team rallied and continued where he had left off. With points coming from fast breaks, short jumpers and strong moves in the paint, the Hawks scored from all over the court. They kept the Falcons guessing the entire game.

The home side maintained a variety of attack options while the Falcons resorted to mainly an outside game, constantly looking for the three point bomb, which rarely connected. The score was 0-0 in the first minute of the game because both teams started nervously. The Falcons failed to score on their foul shots from the first Hawk foul then Hawk forward, Kyle

Cloutier, who was wide open, couldn't find the handle on a loose ball pick-up under the Falcon net.

McElwain opened the scoring by running the floor and stopping just inside the three-point arc to shake off his defender for an easy jumper. A Falcon turnover the play after, saw McElwain again run the floor and took it down the lane to the hole for an easy deuce off the glass, 4-0. The first quarter ended with a score 10-5.

McElwain contributed six points to the ten point team total. McElwain continued to score from turnovers he caused with his in-your-face style and active hands. Right after McElwain returned to the floor, after a short rest, he was hit by a Falcon player doing a moving screen and went to the court floor and came up limping. The fall resulted in an ankle injury being re-aggravated.

Hawk guard Will Arnup assumed a larger role in the offensive scheme with McElwain hampered. Arnup moved the ball down the court and distributed well to his large forwards such as Kyle Cloutier.

At half-time, the Hawks continued to dominate and control the game, with a 24-9 advantage. This lead would not be relinquished, even though Coach Paul Longo emptied his bench, giving everyone a chance to play.

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What a busy time of year for everyone, we should all stop and take a deep breath and relax for five minutes — okay, time's up — we must get on with Senior League.

Last Thursday's Tea Party was hosted by the Minden Health Care Auxiliary. Their delicious goodies were as wonderful as their company. Thank you for sharing your afternoon with us.

Happy Hour, as usual, was a fun, upbeat evening hosted by Northern Jam and we thank them for our traditional tree ornament. We now have it on display.

Saturday the guys got together for Men's Club. Sid Roberts, Roy Nicholls, Gerald Coulter, Frank Young, Bill Redgrave and Harold Osborne sat down to shepherd's pie, scalloped potatoes, our usual homemade bread with butter, and to end things up right, warm apple pie with whip cream and homemade fudge, if they could find room. We'll just say that all the men came away with a contented look on their faces.

Pastor Dan Millard and his wife were in on Sunday for Chapel and we honoured the memory of Winnie Barnum. Pastor Dan and his wife also shared the meaning of Christmas with us and we thank them for a lovely Service. We also wish to thank Reverend Burgess especially at this time of year, his prayers and visits mean so much to us. We thank Reverend Everall and the

Christmas Choir for a beautiful rendering of Christmas music and communion.

What a wonderful time of year, with people spread so much love and so much giving in the air, every day should be Christmas!

Monday afternoon we had a small group of ladies join us, they donned on their aprons and prepared some Christmas baking. Loretta Nesbitt made peanut butter cups and Swedish tea rings, Ruth Nesbitt made fruit bars and Ruby Williams made taffy nut bars. Sound delicious? Well, we can certainly attest to that!

The crafty crew was busy Tuesday preparing Christmas napkin rings and place mats. These dedicated people dress up our tables and lighten our spirits, with their hard work and neat ideas.

Guess who we saw Wednesday night at our Christmas Party? Why none other than Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus with two cute-as-a-button elves. They decided to personally come by to hand out gifts and wish us good cheer. Kidd Country celebrated Christmas along with us and what a festive occasion it was. We thank all these kind and caring people for a wonderful evening.

We also had a tiny little angel in to visit us as well. Her name is Savannah Martin. Carole, her proud grandma, brought her around to visit and we certainly enjoy having these wee bundles of love visit.

We welcome Shirley Shepherd and Iris Adamson to our home, we hope you enjoy your stay.

We send our condolences to the family and friends of Marion Chinnery and Caesar Buffel. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We are glad to hear Margaret Besse is on the mend. We missed her while she was in the hospital and we're glad to have her back for Christmas.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who brighten our lives. The staff and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication towards enriching our lives. To them, along with our families and friends for their love and support, Merry Christmas to all and the very best in the New Year.

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Stories from Mrs. Burke's Grade 1 class: Santa's new suit

Each student, with a partner, designed a new suit for Santa Claus and then wrote about it. Jacob Maynard was absent.

by Dakotah Francis
and Johnathon Switzer

I think that Santa Claus has been eating too much cookies. That's what I think. His suit is too small. His new suit is purple and black. Santa liked his new suit but all the reindeer didn't know it was Santa.

by Summer Lafferty
and Jordan Schlosser

Santa ripped his coat by the chimney.

Santa's new suit is red and sparkly. The kids did not notice him. It made him feel sad.

by Devyn Newton-Craig
and Alex Turcotte

Santa Claus has a new red suit. In his car, he ripped his pants. The new suit is different because it has big sleeves. Now he can look like a Santa. But when he put on the new suit the pants were too little.

by Andrew Wilbee and Cody Wilbee

Santa's old suit ripped in the barn on a nail when he was feeding Rudolph. Santa's new suit is blue. Why did Mrs. Claus like his suit? Because it was blue and it was real.

by Skye Davis and Michael Baird

I think Santa is too fat because he is eating too much food. He needs a new suit because he is too big. Now he is a superhero. Now the reindeer were scared of him.

by Shannon Bittner, Amber Overton
and Nicole Norton

Santa got a new suit because his suit was old. Santa had a new suit. The new suit is red and green. When he wore it, the children said, "Nice green hat!"

by Tyler Upton and Stephanie Parker

Santa's new suit is red with nothing on it. He got a new one because his old one was dirty. Mrs. Claus didn't like it because it didn't have a belt.

by Gage Shelly and B.J. Archer

Santa is getting a new suit because he got a stain on his suit. Santa is getting a new suit. Now he looks like a queen. He went outside and then he was embarrassed. Nobody liked it and he thought they would!

by Bryanna Rochette, Mitchell Mowatt
and Carson Barnhart

Santa Claus ripped his suit in the shop and his new suit is red and black. He looks like a king. The reindeer didn't know Santa because he was in his new suit.



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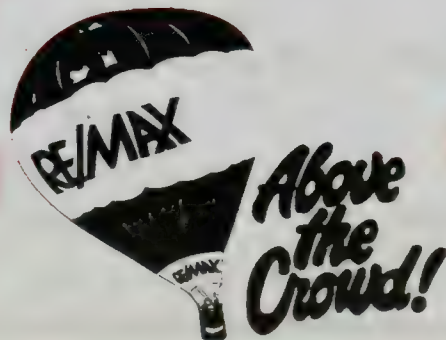
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I will leave you cookies and the reindeer grass and water.

Love, Joanna Arthur, KD

Dear Santa

Thank you for the stuffed dog and the Barbie. I would like a stuffed cat.

I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

Brandy Grozelle, KD

Dear Santa

I would like a Barbie and a farce talking curly dog and a horse to ride my Barbie on.

Thank you for the horse set.

I will leave you carrots and the reindeer apples on the table.

From Baily Walmsly, KD

Dear Santa

How are you Santa? I'm fine.

Thanks for the presents last year.

I would like for Christmas is a transformer, shark park race track from Hotwheels, robot parrot.

I will give you milk and cookies under the tree.

Wear your warm clothes.

Love, Mason Stade, KD

Dear Santa

Letters from Mrs. Reddering's Kindergarten class

Dear Santa

Thank you for the toy car that you gave me last year. I would like a robot and a pack of beads with string.

I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Micaela Sawyer, KD

Dear Santa

Did you like the cookies and milk I left you last year? How are the reindeer?

Thanks for the gifts last year. I would like a sled and a remote control truck. I will leave you some more cookies and milk.

Love, Mathew Goulet, KD

Dear Santa

May I have a doll house please.

Thank you for the pretty dress that you gave me last year.

I want drums and some treats.

I will leave you chocolate ice-cream and cake and milk.

Love, Taylor MacDonald, KD

Dear Santa

How are you? I'm fine.

Rock and Jam Barbie, puzzle, sweeter, books.

I will give you cookie and milk and for the reindeer I will give them celery.

Have a safe trip.

Love Hayley Robinson,
KD

Dear Santa

Thank you for the hat you gave me last year.

I would like candy from you this year.

I will leave you cookies and milk.

Kirk Lopez

Dear Santa

Thanks for the gifts last year. How are the reindeer doing?

Could I please have a doll and a Polly Pocket.

I'll leave you some Santa cookies on the table.

From Katie Hayes, KD

Dear Santa

How are the reindeer doing?

Thanks for the shirt last year.

This year could you please bring me another shirt and a Teddy Bear.

I will leave you cookies and milk and the reindeer marshmallows.

From Jon-Jon Guild, KD

Dear Santa

Hi, how are you doing? Thanks for the White Christmas Barney Movie last year.

This year could you bring me a Barney Tape (special) and a cat. I'll leave some cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Amber Docherty, KD

Dear Santa

How are you feeling? Thank you for the presents last year. This year could you bring me a dirtbike and a big truck.

I will leave you egg nog and a cookie.

From Dalton Burgess, KD

Dear Santa

How are the reindeer? Thanks for the great present last year. I would like roller blades this year please. I hope you have a safe trip.

From Alexandra Litwin, KD

Dear Santa

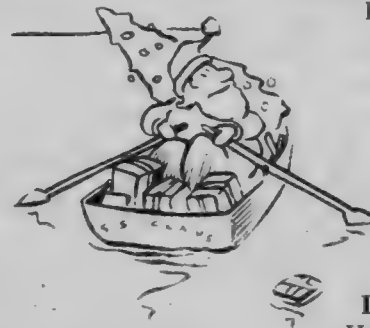
Hi, how's the reindeer doing?

Thanks for the neat gifts last year.

This year I would like a Barbie doll Steve, remote control jeep and a boat.

I will leave you a chocolate cookies and a glass of milk.

From Tyler Johnson-Perrin, KD



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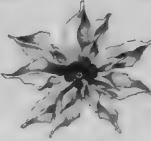


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Dear Santa: Are you dressing warmly?

from page 20

Dear Santa

Thank you for the army sets last year. How are you and the reindeer? I would like a Pokeman Pinball this year please. I will leave you and your reindeer cookies on the table.

From Spencer Devolin, KD

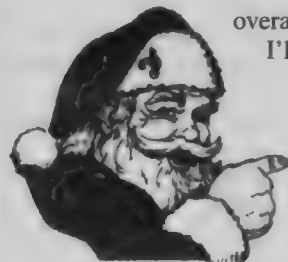
Dear Santa

Thank you for all the presents last year. Are you dressing warmly?

I would like a music pig that wears overalls.

I'll leave you some cookies.

Love Sydney Jewett, KD



Dear Santa

Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. How are you doing?

I would like a train this year please.

I will leave you some cookies under the tree.

From Jordan Hamilton, KD

Dear Santa

Thanks for the presents last year. I would like a Shark Park race track and Jurassic Park dinosaur.

How does your reindeer fly?

I will leave cookies and milk for you. I will also leave carrots for the reindeer.

Have a safe trip.

Love, Blake Wood, KD

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by Patti Fleury

How great it was to hear so many nice comments!

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Verna and Edith win the draws at crib

from page 22

January 7.

Monday, December 17, Cribbage results from the Minden Legion: Esther Lee was the first place winner with Edith Burch in second. Verna McDonald and Edith Burch won the "draws."

Tuesday, December 18, Seniors Bid Euchre at the Minden Legion: Marie Dennie reports that Sharon Evans was first, Len Kroes second, Marcel Roussel third and Pat Roussel fourth. Jean Scadden, Jack Chilton and Esther Lee were the hidden score winners.

Tuesday, December 18, Contract Bridge at Stanhope: Two slams were made by Gloria Moore with Mike Collins and Dorothy Strype with Frank Schlotter. In the high scores, Stan Hill was first with 6010, Harold Cox second with 5350, followed by Dorothy Strype in third with 5320 and in fourth Mike Collins with 4500.

Mildred St. Thomas sends an important reminder to the Kinmount Seniors Bid Euchre Group which meets upstairs at the Legion on Monday afternoons. With the December 17 session canceled due to the poor weather conditions, there will be Euchre on Monday, December 24, with lunch at 12:30 p.m. and cards following at 1 o'clock.

I am submitting this column a day earlier than usual so the Wednesday evening scores will appear in next week's column.

Religious poetry sought from Bards of Burbank

Good news for poets!

The Bards of Burbank is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in their Religious Competition 2002, free to everyone. The deadline for entering is January 11, 2001.

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91506, you may enter online at www.freecontest.com.

"We think religious poems can invite achievement," says Dr. John Scribner, the organization's contest director. "We're especially keen on inspiring amateur poets and we think this competition will achieve that."

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December 21, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. and will re-
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Sitting at the computer I only need to turn my head to look out over the fields here at "Connemara." The ponies in natural heavy winter coats eat away at their hay while the bird feeder is alive with activity. John McDermott is singing my favourite "Try to Remember", and so I do. I remember so many Christmases past with so many dear faces. Bruce and I are particularly thankful for our firstborn, David, the best gift Santa ever left under our tree on a Christmas morning.

In a quiet moment I will choose to slip away and read again the Christmas Eve letter sent by my Dad in 1944 from somewhere overseas to his middle "pie." Does it get much better than this?

From mine to yours, Merry Christmas.

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2. Training and experience in the provision of a full range of services to the serious mentally ill;
3. Understanding and interest in rural service delivery issues, as well as in a Community base model of practice.

Deadline for applications is **January 4, 2002**. Please direct resumes and covering letters to:

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Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services
P.O. Box 539
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NOTICE (File No. SRA-01-07)

Applicant – GEOFFREY AND SUSAN LOGAN

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of GULL LAKE, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 9, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of GULL LAKE, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 9, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7192, registered October 25, 2001.

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 24th day of December, 2001.

Brendan Bérubé,
Planning Administrator,
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE (File No. SRA-01-11) **Applicant – LOIS AND GRANT GAMBLE**

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of DAVIS LAKE, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 2, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

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NOTICE (File No. SR-19-00) **Applicant – TOM HARASTI**

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of NORTH PIGEON LAKE, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 13, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

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DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 24th day of December, 2001.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE (File No. SR-20-00) **Applicant – TOM HARASTI**

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NOTICE (File No. SR-25-00) **Applicant – GAIL ROTTIERS**

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of SOUTH BEAVER LAKE, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 3, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

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Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of SOUTH BEAVER LAKE, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 3, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7179, registered October 10, 2001.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE (File No. SR-31-00) **Applicant – MARION LARocca**

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of GULL LAKE, lying in front of Lot 16, Concession 7, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of GULL LAKE, lying in front of Lot 16, Concession 7, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7189, registered October 23, 2001.

The plan of survey is available for inspection in the former Lutterworth Municipal Office, Hwy. #35 South of Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 24th day of December, 2001.

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File No. MV A14/01, Part Lot 32, Concession 6, Township of Minden.
Applicant: JEAN MARGARET TYLER, SHARON ELIZABETH TYLER AND CATHERINE JANE TYLER
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File No. MV A15/01, Part Lot 12, Concession 1, Township of Minden.
Applicant: WILLIAM SUTHERLAND AND JEAN SUTHERLAND
Purpose: Relief from Sections 3.4(b) and 3.28 of Zoning By-law No. 86-26, as amended, to permit the construction of an addition to a legal non-complying building to be located 41 feet from the high water mark of Canning Lake.

HEARING DATE: Thursday, January 3, 2002
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Minden Fire Hall
Municipal Parking Lot,
Minden, Ontario.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, (formerly the Township of Lutterworth Municipal Office), Highway 35, Minden, Ontario.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2001.

Brendan Bérubé,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Committee of Adjustment,
Box 359, Minden, Ontario. K0M 2K0
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